



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Garden Party Timber Sale, App. No. 84287, and Forest Practice Application No. 2811021. Even-aged harvest of 5,200 MBF of timber from 136 acres and uneven-aged harvest of 136 MBF of timber from 14.6 acres for a total harvest of 5,336 MBF from 105.6 acres. Proposal includes 1,106 feet of road reconstruction, up to 6,583 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned if built and 1,050 feet of existing road to be abandoned.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 2,3,4,11 and 12 of Township 28 North, Range 08 East, W.M.; Sections 28 and 33 of Township 29 North, Range 08 East, W.M. Proposal is located approximately 6 miles northeast of Sultan, in Snohomish County, off of Highway 2, Sultan basin and Marsh Creek ML Roads.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 03, 2010. Comments must be submitted by March 17, 2010.

Responsible official: William J. Wallace

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

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Date: _____ **Signature:** William Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

- 3 type 3 streams with a 159-foot, no-harvest buffer;
- 11 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer except in Unit 3 where the buffer will be thinned;
- 2 type 5 streams with a 30-foot, equipment limitation zones.

Wetlands:

- 2 forested wetlands greater than 1.0 acre in size, one has a 188-foot wetland management buffer that will be thinned, and the other has a 159 foot buffer that will not be thinned,
- 4 forested wetlands less than 1 acre, but greater than 0.25 acres, with 100 foot buffers. 2 of these buffers will be thinned.

Slope Stability:

Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. Up to 7,689 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

An average of eight of the existing trees per acre has been designated to be left uncut on the variable retention portion of the proposal. These trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area. Approx. 85 trees/acre will remain after harvest in the variable density thinning areas (WMZ and RMZ) of the proposal.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.